

June 21, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Vice Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, June 27, 2000 - 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2000</u>	2. Approve minutes of May 23, 2000.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.</p> | <p>4. For information and discussion.</p>      |
| <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>                                 | <p>5. For information and possible action.</p> |

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>*6. <u>MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2001 Update</u></p> <p>Consistent with the advanced application process for MAG federal funds, the FY 2001 Update to the MAG Management Systems Report has been developed on an earlier schedule. The report provides information to facilitate programming of transportation projects in the region. Technical information is provided by the management systems on safety, bridge conditions, transit vehicle needs, intermodal projects, and congestion levels. Information is also provided on air quality conditions, Title VI and Environmental Justice factors and congestion management strategies. Federal statutes require that Title VI factors and alternatives to single occupancy vehicles must be considered in the programming of new projects. A draft executive summary of the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2001 Update is attached. A full copy of the report is available on request.</p> | <p>6. For information, discussion and recommendation to accept the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2001 Update.</p> |
|--|--|

## ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Draft Methodology for Evaluating CMAQ Improvement Projects

Final Federal guidance for the CMAQ Program, effective April 28, 1999, indicates the need to develop procedures for assessing emission reduction benefits for proposed CMAQ projects. In accordance with this guidance, MAG is distributing the Draft Methodology for Evaluating CMAQ Projects for review and comment. The draft methodology would likely be used to evaluate proposed projects during development of the forthcoming FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP. Comments on the draft methodology are due by June 30, 2000. It is anticipated that the air quality emissions score used in previous versions would be discontinued. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Value Lane Study Status Report

MAG and ADOT are jointly managing a consultant contract on value lanes in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The Study indicates that portions of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) system are approaching capacity today (such as on I-10 west) and that other segments will approach capacity in 2020. A public opinion poll found a high level of support for HOV lanes.

One potential outcome of the Study would be to recommend additional HOV lanes. The Study could also recommend High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes in selected locations.

HOT lanes would provide people with a choice. Carpools would travel free while single occupancy vehicles would need to

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

pay a fee for this express service. Fees would be set high enough so that service levels will be maintained. An overview on study progress will be provided.

9. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the FY 2001-2007 Life Cycle Program will be reviewed.

10. ADOT Noise Abatement Policy

At the May 23, 2000 meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) the attached revised ADOT Noise Abatement Policy was discussed. Members of the TRC requested that MAG staff and ADOT review the definition of “planned, designed, and programmed” development. If a development is “planned, designed and programmed” prior to the date of public knowledge, as defined in the policy, then the development may be eligible for Noise Abatement measures if the anticipated noise levels exceed the standards. Members of the TRC asked if platted subdivisions should be included in the definition.

11. Final Close out of the MAG Federally Funded Program for FY 2000

At their May 24, 2000, meeting, the Regional Council approved the interim close out of the MAG Federally Funded Program for FY 2000. Since that time, no further requests to carry projects forward have been received. Similar to last year, prospects for additional redistributed Obligation Authority (OA) are limited at this time. In order to accommodate any redistribute and/or any other uncommitted OA that may become available, it is customary to identify potential projects that could utilize the OA at very short notice. One project in Mesa, the Consolidated

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the ADOT Noise Abatement Policy.

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend contingency close out projects for the MAG FY 2001 Federally Funded Program.

Canal, 8th St. to Center St., which was carried forward to FY 2001 during the Regional Council action in May, may be able to obligate during FY 2000. Also, it is possible to utilize the OA on advancing buses from future years or for repaying advance constructed freeway projects. The latest status of the close out of FY 2000 MAG federally funded program is attached.

12. New Regional Transportation Plan

At the May 23, 2000 meeting of the TRC, MAG staff provided an overview of the process to develop a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Since that time MAG staff has presented this concept to MAG Modal Transportation Committees as well as to other related MAG Committees.

Development of the RTP will be undertaken in two phases over two years. Phase one will involve issue identification, visioning and development of a policy framework and is included in the current work program in the amount of \$270,000. Phase two will involve the identification, rating and selection of projects which will be undertaken over the 20-year life of the plan. The concepts for the Plan will be discussed with the TRC. It is recommended that MAG proceed with advertising for consultant service to undertake the first phase in developing a new Regional Transportation Plan.

13. South Mountain Corridor Recommendation

The South Mountain Parkway is part of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and portions are funded in the ADOT Life Cycle Program. MAG has received a red letter notification from the City of Phoenix for a planned residential subdivision in the South Mountain Parkway alignment near

12. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend advertising for consultant services to undertake the first phase in developing a new Regional Transportation Plan.

13. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the following: (1) amend the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include \$6.0 million in FY 2001 for an Environmental Impact Statement and Design Concept Report for the South Mountain Parkway, (2) identify the South Mountain Parkway as eligible for system

Broadway Road and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

In response to this red letter notification, the MAG Regional Council at its January meeting directed that a South Mountain Agency Stakeholders Group be formed to review the approved alignment and develop an implementation plan for the South Mountain alignment between 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the I-10/Papago Freeway. In subsequent discussions, the South Mountain Agency Stakeholders Group determined that due to the potential of significant impacts in the project corridor an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Design Concept Report needs to be developed for the entire corridor. It is proposed that these be programmed at \$6.0 million in FY 2001 from existing South Mountain funding.

The Stakeholders were also concerned about development occurring in the north/south alignment of the corridor. They felt that protection of right of way in this area should be a high priority. It is proposed that the South Mountain Parkway be eligible for programmed system wide right-of-way protection funds totaling \$5 million per year in FY 2001-2003. Also, that \$18.954 million in right-of-way funds in FY 2002 be targeted for right-of-way acquisitions throughout the corridor as needed. The \$56.3 million in construction funds in FY 2004 would be addressed after the EIS is completed (see attachment).

wide right of protection funds, and (3) authorize \$18.954 million in FY 2002 for right-of-way acquisitions throughout the South Mountain Corridor as needed.

14. Final Phase Public Hearing

The final phase public meeting will be held on June 26, 2000 at the MAG offices in the Saguaro meeting room. The final phase meeting program will consist of two parts. The first portion will be allocated to an open house. During the open house, materials were displayed portraying elements contained in the LRTP, TIP and the 2000 Conformity Analysis.

14. For information and discussion.

Representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) will provide information regarding state roadway plans and transit operations.

The second portion of the program will be a formal public hearing for comment conducted before representatives from the MAG Transportation Review Committee, the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee and CTOC. Staff presentations will be made prior to the public comment. These presentations will provide an overview of the draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2000 Update, the 2001-2005 MAG TIP, and the 2000 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. A court reporter will record all comments presented during the hearing.

MAG staff will brief the Committee on the verbal and written comments received during this hearing.

15. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

15. For information and discussion.